

Testimony on SB259, nondeductibility of wages paid to illegal aliens

My name is Craig Bryant, and I am a resident of Bozeman. (PO. Box 11506, Bozeman 59719, CraigGBryant@aol.com) In my business, I am responsible for the employment of hundreds of entry-level workers, both directly and indirectly. In this regard, it would be unfair to my company and its subcontractors for my competitors to be able to deduct illegal aliens' salaries and related benefits as a business expense against their gross revenues. Please pass legislation preventing this.

Also, I would like to point out that immigration to this country is a huge issue. It is gobbling us up, especially illegal immigration. It is now starting to make its appearance in Montana, which will result in the same negative impact as in California and Colorado, a state that never thought it would happen to "them."

The federal so-called "comprehensive immigration reform proposal" is a joke. Blanket amnesty is not the answer.

As a resident of Montana, I urge you to pass immediate legislation which blocks access to free social, educational, and health services to illegal aliens. Also, I urge you to pass significant punitive legislation relative to any employers who hire illegal aliens.

I do not favor a culture change in my state or this country which results in bilingual and even trilingual signs in every big box store (as is happening in California), free social, medical, and educational services, a higher crime rate (proven), and the dumbing down of my state.

I do favor:

- Selective immigration based on skill and upward mobility potential.
- Abolishment of automatic citizenship for the children and family members of aliens.
- An immediate securing of the border by all means, including technology, fence, and/or National Guard.

I know you cannot do what the federal government is supposed to do, but you *can* take certain measures afforded to the States through legislation to save Montana from the pending "alien invasion." And invasion it will be --- witness Colorado.

Please do not buy into the misleading slogan "They do the work most Americans won't." If that were true, the WPA programs would never have succeeded. Also, if aliens were really needed, the States with the highest unemployment rates wouldn't also have the highest numbers of aliens. (With an increase in the minimum wage, it will be even easier to find entry-level employees.)

Last, consider carefully the national security issues, and keep Montana safe and culturally responsible. As you know, upwards of 75% of Americans favor this position.

Thank you.